



Pre-Endorsement Conference VS. Endorsement Caucus

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Both the Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsement Caucuses are part of the CDP Endorsing process, however there are some procedural differences between the two. In order to make those differences easy to understand we have created the following table for reference.

	Pre-Endorsement Conference	Endorsement Caucus
Who Can Vote?	DSCC, DCC (not DSCC), and Club/Org Reps	DSCC
How Can They Vote?	Ballots may be submitted by Email or USPS	In Person or by Proxy
Threshold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 70% - Directly to consent calendar • More than 50% and less than 70% - Goes to Endorsing Caucus • Below 50% - No Recommendation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% for non-incumbent to reach consent calendar
Object Before	20% of voting participants (DSCC, DCC, CCO) are needed 10 days prior to pre-endorsement conferences to object to the automatic endorsement of an incumbent.	20% of DSCC within relevant district or Statewide 10 days prior to Convention
Object After	20% of DSCC within relevant district or Statewide 10 days prior to Convention	<p>For those who receive 2/3+ of vote – objections (10 members of AD, 20 of SD or CD) go to PERC*.</p> <p>For those candidates who receive <u>less than 2/3</u> of the vote at caucus an endorsement recommendation can be formally objected to by filing a form signed by 300 DSCC delegates members with the CDP by 11:00pm - vote then moves to the floor.</p>

Once candidates have passed both the Pre-Endorsement Conferences and Endorsement Caucus, they will be placed on the consent calendar. The Consent Calendar is then ratified by floor vote during the Sunday of State Convention.

*PERC (Pre-Primary Endorsement Review Committee) - Made up of EBoard members in relevant districts, statewide officers, RDs in relevant districts, and two EBoard members appointed by the Chair from Rules, Credentials, and the Organizing Committee.